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1. REF (B) CONFIRMS OUR VIEW THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD NOT ACCEPT SYRIAN MOVEMENT SOUTH OF PRESENT POSITION UNDER ANY FORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND PROBABLY NOT EVEN IN CONCONFIDENTIAL

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JUNCTION WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A NON-ARAB (I.E., UN) INTERNATIONAL FORCE INTO BORDER REGION. AT THE SAME TIME, WE REMAIN OPEN MINDED ON THE POSSIBLE UTILITY OF A UN FORCE. WITHOUT OFFERING ACTIVE ENCOURAGEMENT, WE SUGGEST YOU DO NOTHING TO DISCOURAGE BOUTROS AND SARKIS FROM THINKING SERIOUSLY ABOUT A NON-ARAB INTERNATIONAL FORCE. FYI: SHOULD THE GOL FIND A CHANGE IN THE PREVIOUSLY

NEGATIVE POSITION OF OTHER ARAB STATES, AND IF BEGIN GOVERNMENT SHOULD ALTER RABIN GOVERNMENT'S OPPOSITION TO A UN FORCE, WE MIGHT BE PREPARED TO TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT IDEA. END FYI. VANCE

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